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FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE STUDENT WEEKLY

Let every man make known what kind of government would command his respect, and that will be one step toward obtaining it.

Thoreau

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1968

## Strong Vote Against Dress Code

Response to the KV questionnaire concerning the dress code was surprising and gratifying. Over 450 students on campus expressed their views on the dress code. 84% of those replying to the questionnaire felt that a dress code was not needed at FSC. 77% of the voters indicated that men

should be allowed the option to wear bermudas and sweatshirts to class, while 78% favored a similar choice for women. Sandals were selected by 90% of the students balloting.

Several students felt that bare feet should be allowed and two students suggested

nudity as a possibility. Said one: "I would advocate nudity if the present educational system were functioning... an improvement over present conditions."

Student opinion ran high regarding administration-made rules which infringe on stu-

dents' rights. "Should the administration be concerned with educating its students in a liberal environment, or should they be involved in determining a dress code which curbs our freedom of choice?" questioned one student.

### Browning Area NAACP President Lists Education And Housing As Group's First Priority

by PAULINE ROGERS

Dr. Granger Browning member of the FSC psychology dept. was recently elected president of the new Fitchburg chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Several months ago Dr. Browning along with many of the Negro population of Fitchburg petitioned the national headquarters of the NAACP for a charter.

The requirement for charter

was 50 members and since the organization was to contain over 90, a charter was granted. A second year resident of Fitchburg Dr. Browning has seen the injustices done to the members of the Negro community and will take his first steps to correct these in education and housing.

NAACP meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month at the Catholic Social Center, 53 Highland Ave, and anyone interested is welcome.

### Poor Attendance Mars "Voyages" Performance

by JOHN ARERY

On Thursday evening, March 21, at Weston Auditorium, "Voyages" in Poetry and Folk Songs was presented by the lively trio of John Langstaff, Robin Roberts Howard, and Happy Traum.

Opening the evening for the Cultural Affairs Committee our own Miss Tater gave a delightful and mood-setting introduction.

Led by banjo-playing John Langstaff and followed by Robin Roberts Howard playing the guitar and Happy Traum singing, the trio made their appearance.

The first half of performance ranged from the ancient ballad "Sir Patrick Spens" to the contemporary poetry of John Updike. By effectively conveying emotional tones as

the laughter and merriment of "The Handsome Cabin Boy" to the somberness of "The Factory Girl", the trio illustrated their artistic unity and perception. This first half was carried through beautifully, with the audience responsive and attentive.

The second half of the program, however, was a little different. The company began with the narration of ghost tales and nursery rhymes which were just fine, but they followed these happy tunes with those of the opposite extreme — Bible and war songs. The latter were somewhat dry and sober for presentation this late in the program. At this point too, the group themselves seemed to be losing their fine edge, their enthusiasm becoming ragged at times.

On the whole, the perform-

### THIRTY SYMPATHIZERS PROTEST AMERICA'S ADDICTION TO WAR

by DENNIS EVANS

On Sunday, March 24th, Mr. John R. Ford, Executive Director of the Fitchburg Community Action Committee, headed a line of marchers demonstrating against the Vietnam War. Approximately thirty hard-core sympathizers gathered in front of Miller's Clothing Store on lower Main Street and walked to Monument Park. Some carried signs reading, "The War Is Impossible to Justify", and "Is War

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An Answer To Human Agony?" The group was followed in their march by three or four prominent hecklers who attempted to argue with individuals protesting the war. Automobiles lined the street during the procession and two cars drove around the main block with lights on and signs in the front reading, "We Support Our Boys In Vietnam". A gathering of about 200 observers and a dozen police

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Moliere's *Tartuffe* will be presented by the FSC drama club April 8, 9 and 10 in the junior high auditorium. Under the direction of Eugene Cassassa, the cast has been in extensive rehearsal for three weeks. Rehearsals are scheduled to the day preceding the first presentation.

*Tartuffe* is a "pious hypocrite", portrayed by Gary Dauer, who almost succeeds in conning Orgon, a French bourgeois played by Rocco Piccolomini, into giving away most of his possessions.

Deborah Coulter plays the role of Mme. Pernelle, Orgon's mother. Elmire, his wife, is characterized by Anne Courtney. Lynn Dudley and Barry Bedard portray Elmire's step-children Mariane and Damis. Lori Brodeur and Peg Whitters represent lady's maids Dorine and Flipote.

David Kassabian as Valere, David Iannaccone as Cleante, Robert Maxwell as M. Loyal and Joseph Patuleia as a police officer comprise the remainder of the cast.

Several students have been working diligently on the production. Dick Bailey, FSC '67, designed the set and the program cover. The real "men behind the scenes" are Roger L'Ecuyer and Donald Jeffery who are in charge of properties, lighting and sound effects.

### Delegates Attend ESATEC

by PAUL CELUZZA

Six FSC students attended the forty-third annual conference of the Eastern States Association for Teacher Education. The students representing the college were Robert Audette, Paul Celizza, Anne Courtney, Linda Hansen, Ann Hawkesworth, and Leon Kurzowicz. Mr. Joseph Angelini, faculty adviser to the Council, accompanied the delegates to the conference.

Dr. Bernice H. Fleiss, key-

note speaker, chose "Inner City Schools: Implications for all Teaching," as the topic of her address. She noted the important work presently being done to upgrade the quality and quantity of educational services offered to the children in the inner-city schools of the larger cities of the United States. Dr. Fleiss singled out for special praise experimental programs such as Project Head Start and the Special Services Program re-

cently undertaken in New York City. She also discussed current innovations and trends being introduced into other educational systems as a consequence of these experiments in educating the culturally disadvantaged from the inner-city schools. Dr. Fleiss is Deputy to the Dean of Teacher Education at Hunter College.

"How Do Teachers Organize

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### Phi Omega Psi

Phi Omega Psi is the fourth women's social club to be started on campus. Final approval came from SGA February 19. The club's name is NEASYLON with brown and gold its colors. At present, it has a membership of thirty-eight girls.

Although the club is still in the process of organizing and electing officers, it is hoped that by September the Neasylons will be active in social affairs and able to serve the community, the college and students of FSC.

ance was excellent and well-accepted by those attending. This leads to another important flaw, not in the performance, but in the audience. There were I would estimate, no more than eighty people there. I suppose the poor attendance should have been expected, for it reflects the typical apathetic attitude of the students at Fitchburg State. Everyone loves to go out, but just to go to something which might broaden their culturally deprived minds would be asking too much. The empty auditorium was a great insult to these hard-working performers, and I doubt very much if they would return to this campus again.

### Auto Inspection Deadline May 15

Registrar of Motor Vehicle Richard E. McLaughlin today issued notice to 3500 Massachusetts official inspection stations and 10,000 adjusters that he has ordered all Registry-enforcement men to take part in a concerted spot check system during the Spring inspection period from April 1 through May 15. The drive will make certain that inspections are being conducted in the proper manner according to law. Any station not fulfilling the obligations and responsibilities to either the Commonwealth or the public will be suspended.

McLaughlin said that while inspection stations are checked periodically by the equipment field staff, this is the first time that the entire Registry in force is being required to participate in an intensive program to check the techniques, integrity, and the

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## Where Do We Go From Here?

We have overwhelmingly demonstrated our concern regarding the issue of the Dress Code. Our enthusiastic response and almost unanimous opposition to the dress code represents a clear mandate for the Student Government to act in our behalf and alert the present situation.

There are not many options open to the SGA with respect to this mandate. They could recommend a general student body strike but as a first step this would be self-defeating, and since there is no precedent for the council to take legislative action, this course does not present a plausible first move. SGA can, however, pass a resolution which recommends to the President that he recognize the desire of the student body to have this matter placed in the hands of their own legislature. This course of action has been the initial step at each of the other state colleges which have succeeded in securing this right.

It is essential at this juncture that we not forget that our response to the questionnaire was only the first step — but an important first step. We must contact our council representatives and let them know that we stand with them and are prepared to support them in their quest on our behalf. Remember, they are representing us and the cause is our cause!

## In Response To The Draft

Swarthmore Draft Conference Committee April 19-21.

The new draft policy, under which all seniors and first year graduate students will be classified I-A this summer, has forced students across the country to confront the draft and the war in Vietnam. 475,000 men must decide whether to submit to induction with the likelihood of fighting in Vietnam or to refuse to participate in this war. Each person is forced to this situation individually but the hope for political effectiveness rests in collective action. Since the further pursuit of the war depends largely on men drawn from the college pool, our coordinated response affords us the possibility of affecting the course of the war.

To combat the isolation facing each student as he makes his decision, we must come together to discuss our problems and work toward a political solution. For this purpose we at Swarthmore College are calling a weekend conference of all middle-Atlantic colleges.

This conference will be a first step in establishing coordination and communication among schools in this region and among anti-war groups across the country.

### Goals of the Conference

1. To present specific information on the individual's alternatives to the draft.

2. To discuss specific means

of giving individual responses political relevance.

3. To discuss the most effective methods of organizing draft opposition on individual campuses.

4. To provide detailed information on Selective Service System appeals procedure for use as a political action.

5. To set up a coordinating network and joint support groups for the middle-Atlantic colleges.

### Conference Schedule

#### Friday Night

8 p. m. Keynote speaker on nationwide anti-war activity.

#### Saturday

9 - 10:30. Workshops on the alternatives with resource people available.

10:30 - noon. Plenary session-speaker on delaying tactics, Selective Service System appeals procedure.

1:30 - 3, 3:30 - 5. Workshops on problems of campus organizing, development of support groups, action around local boards, political context of jail and Canada.

#### Sunday

Morning. Open for workshops on specific topics as needed: life in jail, life in the army, political organization.

Afternoon. Plenary session for reports from workshops, discussion of workshops, and final planning of continued coordination.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

As of late, there has been a notice on the door of the college bookstore stating that an afternoon shut-down period would begin at 2:15 p.m. There have been other notices to this effect throughout the year stating special, theoretical closing times. My observations and resulting comments have been derived from various experiences with said notices.

Seeing that the bookstore is so eager to close 15 minutes prior to its scheduled hour, I advocate that they either make this intention perfectly clear to the student body, or decide to abide by their present time schedule.

Far too many times I have been subjected to the unpleasant and, at this point, infuriating experience of being confronted with a pair of locked doors well before the announced closing time.

Such repeated carelessness seems indicative of a rather rude, unconcerned attitude toward us students and a react quite negatively to such example of inconsiderate behavior.

I request that this cause for complaint be promptly rectified.

Sincerely,  
K. Boyce

## 30 Sympathizers

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men followed Mr. Ford into the Monument Park area, where Mr. Ford and the Reverend Mr. Richard Huff, Pastor of First Parish Church, offered brief speeches.

Mr. Ford remarked that those who dissent today are considered unpatriotic and as giving aid and comfort to the enemy. "This is not so", he said, "We as free Americans, are exercising our rights to dissent, the right of free speech, and the right of public assembly". He continued, "There just must be another way to solve the problem of Vietnam than killing thousands of people."

Rev. Huff stated that: "We fought and licked Germany and Japan and then fought in Korea — now its Vietnam: Maybe we Americans have an addiction to war. Maybe we have to have an enemy".

Bulletins were posted here at Fitchburg State a few days preceding the march, inviting those concerned to participate. About twelve students from

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## An 'A' Student Is An 'A' Student Letter Grades Notwithstanding

Ann Arbor, Mich. (I.P.)—If grades had been given, 19.5 per cent would have received A's, 58 per cent B's, 21 per cent C's, 1 per cent D's, and .5 per cent E's.

The level of performance of the pass-fail students in the courses was similar to their general grade point average for all work taken in the University. In other words, A student, continued to make A's.

Beginning last winter, seniors were permitted to take one course outside their major field of study on a pass-fail basis, with the credits to count toward graduation but not toward their final grade-point average. This year the faculty has extended the privilege to junior students as well. In general, students have welcomed the innovation as giving them a chance for academic exploration.

But compilation of grades achieved by 178 of the 203 students who took advantage of the option in its first year indicates that the "good students" did their usual level of work in the pass-fail course. The pass-fail students were in the same classes as students taking the course under the traditional grading and credit system.

The instructor gave all students the traditional letter grades, but for those enrolled on a pass-fail basis, the registrar recorded only "pass" for those making C or better, and "fail" for those getting D's or E's.

Of the 178 students, 98.5 per cent passed their courses. If a pass-fail basis.

Charles Pascal, a research-associate who conducted the study for the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, comments: "We were surprised that students were not more adept at playing this new academic game."

He said that even though the students sought only to achieve a C, or passing level, their previous years of "academic conditioning" made it difficult if not impossible to do so. The students themselves were surprised, he says. One pass-fail student expressed it this way:

"I'm trying hard not to work and I still made a B-plus on the midterm exam. I find myself trying to do the minimum amount of work to get a C. Otherwise I am frustrated that I am wasting time in the (pass-fail) course that I could be spending on the other courses (in which grades are recorded)."

Pascal recommends pass-fail sections, in which all students are enrolled on the pass-fail system. He cited the example of "two lonely mathematics majors" who enrolled in a course in the history of art on a pass-fail basis.

## Results Of Presidential Ballot

### Democrat:

14 Lyndon Johnson  
39 Robert Kennedy  
47 Eugene McCarthy

### Republican:

15 Richard Nixon  
1 Ronald Reagan  
9 Nelson Rockefeller

### Write-in Candidate

### Independent:

1 George Wallace  
5 Pat Paulsen

### Write-ins:

Barry Goldwater  
Bob Hope

George Lincoln Rockwell  
Willis Stone

WED - 3	THURS. - 4	FRI. - 5	SAT. - 6	SUN. - 7	MON. - 8	TUES. - 9
Drama Club Rehearsal Jr. High Aud. 6:30 p. m. —— Esoterics T-302 7 p. m.	Glee Club T-310 7 p. m. —— Pi Sigma Upsilon T-304 7 p. m. —— Newman Association 7:30 p. m.	Junior Weekend Begins Dinner-Dance Andover Sheraton Rolling Green Motor Inn	Jr. Weekend Informal Dance and Buffet Red Barn Leominster Epsilon Pi Tau Exposition Herlihy Rec. Room 2 p. m. Drama Club Rehearsal Jr. High Aud. 2:00 p. m.	Jr. Weekend Concert Chambers Brothers Weston Auditorium 2:00 p. m. Dress Rehearsal Drama Club 5:30 p. m.	SGA Meeting S-123 6:30 p. m. Gavaleers S-201 7 p. m. Drama Club Production "Tartuffe" Weston Auditorium	Kester Jewell Worcester Art Museum Illustrated Lecture Weston Auditorium 1 p. m. KV Meeting S-231 1 p. m. Drama Club Production "Tartuffe" Weston Auditorium

# MSCSGA To Revise Constitution, Establishes Grievance Committee

by LINDA UNDERWOOD

Masachusetts State College Student Government Association's Conference was held at FSC March 15 and 16. Delegates from each of the nine state colleges were present. Dominic Ciccolini, Diane Rahmberg, Linda Underwood and Carolyn Williams represented FSC at the conference.

After registration and a coffee hour, Friday, the Host and Hostess club conducted a tour of the campus. The opening assembly was in the junior high auditorium. MSCSGA President Tom Christensen welcomed the guests and introduced the speakers. William E. Aubuchon, Jr. a trustee of the state colleges, and Joseph Durant, Dean of Students, who represented President Hammond.

Discussion groups were conducted during the afternoon by members of FSC's SGA. Rich Maiolo led a discussion on committees. Paul Morris discussed how to run an effective meeting. Dave

Lane led a group in discussing the image of the council through public relations and Paul Celuzza stressed making participation available to all students in his group.

General meetings were held later during which the college coordinators, SGA presidents and SGA sponsors met separately to discuss common problems and possible solutions.

Following dinner in the commuters' cafeteria, Mr. James J. O'Leary, Assistant Attorney General of Massachusetts, addressed the group on the legal rights of college students.

Minutes of the discussion groups were read and discussed in the commuters' lounge Saturday morning. At the business meeting in Thompson lecture hall, a constitutional revision committee was established and the possibility of starting a grievance committee was discussed. The next MSCSGAC will be held in November at Salem State.

reason that it was not ready for one.

Mr. Ford proposed that if another march is called, it be in warmer weather.

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the College took part in the march.

Eileen Quinn noted, "To see students like us out there is one thing, but to see adults, some with children in the armed services is something else — that really takes courage."

This reporter feels that this war is tragic. It is so far away to most of us, a bit abstract, but it has come an inch closer to home with this march. I had been told that Fitchburg was not ready for a march. I agreed in part, that Fitchburg needed a march for the very

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## In Response

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### Suggested Pre-conference Preparation

Those attending might discuss what they hope to learn and do in such a conference and should send in suggestions for workshops, resource people, resolutions, etc.

Descriptions and analyses of local activities and projects can be mimeographed for general distribution (at least 400 copies). Reimbursement is available or stencils can be mailed ahead.

A poll could be taken of the plans and opinions of seniors and graduate students to provide a basis for discussion.

### Registration

A \$5 fee will cover draft literature, working papers, and mailing costs.

Accommodations: floor space in men's and women's dorms; bring sleeping bags.

Food: the only large-scale eating facility is the college dining hall, where meals for the weekend will cost \$5. Grocery stores are easily accessible.

## Auto Inspection

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work of the stations and their personnel. These techniques include: a re-inspection of a percentage of the vehicles which have been issued stickers, observations of inspections from various vantage points, and unannounced spot checks on the premises.

The Registrar stated, "When it is determined that vehicles are not being inspected in accordance with instructions, approval of the station will be immediately suspended and may subsequently be revoked. We are determined to eliminate from our official stations those which are knowingly and willfully disregarding instructions and jeopardizing the health and safety of the public. While the established fee is only \$1, it is only fair that stations do a complete inspection and we intend that this shall be done."

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# Election Results

620 votes were cast in the recent election for class officers. 220 juniors, 58% of the class, 200 sophomores, 44%, and 200 freshmen, 35% of that class, cast ballots to select those who will lead them during the 1968-69 college year.

## Class of 1969

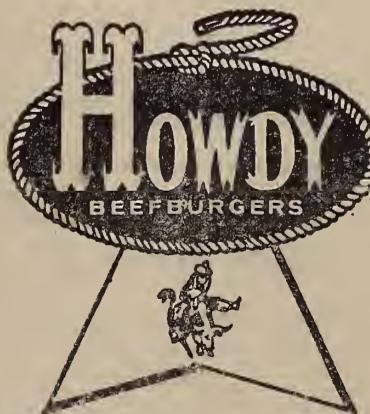
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*John Marion	98	*Barbara Hastings	187
Gary Mitchell	79		
Frank Trocki	24		
VICE PRESIDENT		SGA MALE REPRESENTATIVE	
*Patrick Murphy	166	Charles Callahan	103
		*Roderic Smith	121
		*Ronald Therrien	124
SECRETARY		SGA FEMALE REPRESENTATIVE	
*Barbara Flanagan	126	*Frances Azavedo	132
Gail Kerrigan	78	Sandra Contaxes	92
		*Lynne Sullivan	118

## Class of 1970

PRESIDENT		TREASURER	
Rich Maiolo	86	Charles Lopresti	57
*Tony McNamara	96	*Robert Morin	92
		Ronald Smith	27
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William Benson	61	*William Benson	156
*James Craigen	123	*Dennis Picard	138
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Mary Sharon Fay	54	*Joan Sweeney	110
		Christine Williams	93

## Class of 1971

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*Richard Coleman	88	*Jean Savinen	136
Robert O'Reilly	78		
VICE PRESIDENT		SGA MALE REPRESENTATIVE	
Patricia Borchering	72	*David Iannaccone	96
*Kathleen Remmes	77	*Paul Romano	134
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*Carol Leger (write in)		*Peggy Crawford	135
		*Elected	



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"It would be wise for drivers to present their vehicles early in this inspection period to avoid delays since the inspection may take longer than usual and to allow time which may be needed for necessary repairs," the Registrar said.

An inspection sticker, printed in black on a white background, will be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the windshield of vehicles passing the spring inspection. An oval white sticker with a red band across the middle will be placed on windshields of rejected vehicles and cannot be removed until the repair work has been made nor can it operate at the end of the inspection period.

**ESATEC**

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Teachers Corps, School of Education, NYU, mentioned many of the factors which have led to the recent trend toward militancy by members in the teaching profession. He also noted that organization by teachers is a step forward except where the organization is for other than the promotion of professionalism among the practitioners. Following his address, a short period of round table discussion offered the delegates and faculty advisers a chance to explore further the various aspects mentioned.

After each of the speeches the delegates met in small pre-arranged discussion groups to develop further the main points brought forth by the speakers. The results of the discussion groups will be published and distributed to each of the participating colleges.

Leo Kurasowicz served as chairman of his discussion group, Linda Hansen as Assistant Chairman and Paul Celuzza as Summarizer.

The conference concluded on Saturday with a brief business meeting which was followed by a dramatic dialog entitled "Let's Get Basic," which presented the problems faced by the teenagers and young adults in the United States today. Some of the areas presented were the new morality (or the lack of it), cheating on exams, drinking, drug use and several others. A short discussion period followed.

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